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TO

Provide for weekly payment of Wages in Great Britain and Ireland.

A.D. 1888.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 **1.** From and after the *passing of this Act* the wages of every workman engaged by time, shall be paid in full by the employer to him at least once in each week.

Wages to be paid weekly.

2.—(1.) When a workman is engaged otherwise than by time, the wages earned by him shall be paid to him in full by the employer at 10 the expiration of not more than fourteen days from the commencement of the employment or from the last payment in full, as the case may be.

Provisions where workmen are engaged otherwise than by time.

(2.) If a workman who is engaged otherwise than by time gives one day's previous notice to the employer that he so requires the 15 same, at least *seventy-five* per centum of the wages earned by him shall be paid to him by the employer at the expiration of not more than seven days from the commencement of the employment or from the last payment in full, as the case may be.

3. Every workman shall be entitled upon application at the pay 20 office or some convenient place, not later than the day previous to the day upon which under this Act his wages are payable, to receive from his employer a pay note showing the amount of wages earned. Such note shall be in the form as the Schedule to this Act, or in some form to the like effect.

Provision for pay note.

25 **4.** Every employer who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act,

Penalties.

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and shall be liable to the penalties imposed by section nine of the Truck Act, 1831, as if the offence were such an offence as in that section mentioned.

Definitions.

5. For the purposes of this Act, "workman" means any person who being a labourer, servant in husbandry, journeyman, artificer, handicraftsman, miner, railway servant, or otherwise engaged in manual labour; "employer" means any person or body of persons corporate or unincorporate.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the Wages Act, 1888.

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